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Date: Jan. 25, 2002

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In re application of: Yang, S., et al.

Serial No.: 09/445,844

Group Art Unit: 1714

Filed: 12/15/99

Examiner: M. Medley

For: "Plastic Compositions Having Mineral Like Appearance"

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The claims fee has been calculated as shown below.

Claims as Amended						
(1)	(2)* Claims Remaining After Amendment	(3)	(4) Highest Number Prev. Paid For	(5) Extra	(6) Rate	(7) Add'l Fee
Total Claims	15	Minus	19 =	0 x	\$ 18	= 0
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Multiple Dependent Claim(s) Fee**** x \$280						= 0
Total Claims Fee for this Amendment						= 84

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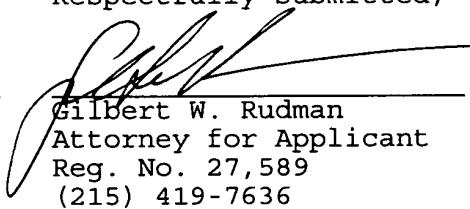
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This letter is being sent in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 1/17/02



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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated 09/21/01. Since a Request for a Two Month Extension of Time, with the appropriate fee, is being filed herewith, a response is due by 02/21/02.

Please amend Claims 1 and 12, as follows:

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1. (amended twice) A composite plastics composition comprising a particulate crosslinked polymer dispersed within a thermoplastic matrix, wherein:

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